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FDA Administrator Wehmeier  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
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Dear Mr. Wehmeier:

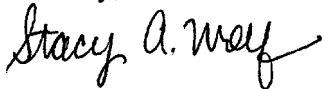
Bayer Corporation should comply with the ban recently proposed by the Food and Drug Administration on Baytril, the antibiotic you make for use in poultry. By ending use of Baytril in poultry, Bayer will help preserve the effectiveness of related fluoroquinolone antibiotics for treating sick people.

As the FDA noted, fluoroquinolones are the best drugs for treating certain types of severe food poisoning. Unfortunately, **bacteria** have increasingly evolved the capacity to withstand fluoroquinolones since their use in poultry began in 1995. Resistance has jumped to nearly 14% in 1998 and 18% in 1999.

As a well-known-maker of medical and consumer-care products, Bayer has a special responsibility to protect the public's health. Please live up to that responsibility by complying with the FDA's proposed ban on Baytril voluntarily, rather than dragging the issue out for months or years.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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